Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority

Audit Report

For the Year Ended September 30, 2004

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

### Comments and Recommendations

In connection with our audit of the financial statements of the Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority, for the year ended September 30, 2004, we submit the following comments and recommendations. This section is intended to take the place of a separate management letter.

#### General

The records were maintained in excellent condition by the Training Center's accountant. Bank accounts were reconciled monthly, journals and ledgers were properly posted, and supporting documents and follow-up procedures were good. Monthly financial and budget status reports were presented to the Board. Your accountant's efforts in this area are commendable.

### **Budgets and Procedures**

The procedures utilized in budget preparation, adoption and management were good. Budgets were adopted for the General Fund. No budget was prepared for the Grant Fund as required by the State of Michigan.

#### Capital Assets

The Training Center owns buildings and furniture and equipment located on land leased from the Fair Association. The balances in the capital assets reflect September 30, 2004 balances. A statement of changes in capital assets is presented in Note 4.

#### Insurance and Bonds

The Training Center has insurance coverage for fire, liability, automobile, equipment and crime. Coverage was reviewed during the audit year. It is our understanding that there is surety bond coverage for the Training Center coordinator, treasurer and secretary.

#### **Board Minutes**

In general, Board minutes were maintained in good order.

#### General Fund

For the audit year, expenditures exceeded revenues by \$13,407, and the fund balance was \$25,883 at September 30, 2004.

### Comments and Recommendations

#### **Grant Fund**

This fund was established to account for grants and donations for construction and equipping of Training Center facilities. For the audit year, expenditures exceeded revenues by \$1,950, and the fund balance was \$3,371 at September 30, 2004.

#### Other Data

After the completion of our audit, we will mail two (2) copies of this report to the State Department of Treasury.

We appreciate the courtesy extended our field auditor in the course of this examination. Your confidence is respected, and please contact us if any questions arise.

FINANCIAL SECTION

### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority Traverse City, MI 49686

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority as of and for the year ended September 30, 2004, as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Training Center's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall basic financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority at September 30, 2004, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary comparison schedules, as identified in the Table of Contents are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The supplemental information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied to the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The accompanying financial statements do not present a Management's Discussion and Analysis, which would be an analysis of the financial performance for the year. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined that this analysis is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements.

Tobin & Co., P.C.

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January 26, 2005

# Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority

### Statement of Net Assets

### <u>September 30, 2004</u>

Assets	Primary Government Governmental Activities and Total
Cash	
Accounts Receivable	\$ 29,009
Capital Assets	245
Other Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	598,461
Total Assets	
	<u>627,715</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Long-term Liabilities:	
Due within one year	1.500
Due in more than one year	1,500
Total Liabilities	5,343
	6,843
Net Assets	
Invested in Capital Assets	
Restricted For:	598,461
Grant Purposes	
Unrestricted	3,371
T	19,040
Total Net Assets	\$_620,872

# Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority

# Statement of Activities

# For the Year Ended September 30, 2004

		Program	Revenues	
Functions/Programs  Governmental Activities:	Expenses	Charges For Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	<u>Total</u>
Personnel Commodities Contractual Services Other Charges	\$ 11,696 10,425 16,832 43,252	\$ 26,793 - - - 14,022	\$ 5,554 - - -	\$ 20,651 (10,425) (16,832) (29,230)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 82,205	\$ 40,815	\$ 5,554	(35,836)
	Miscellaneou	Investment Earn	ings	45 8,504
	Total General I	Revenues		8,549
	Change in Net . Net Assets – Be	Assets eginning		(27,287) 648,159
	Net Assets – En	nding		\$ 620,872

# Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority

### Statement of Activities

# For the Year Ended September 30, 2004

<u>Assets</u>	General	Grant Fund	Total
Cash in Bank Accounts Receivable	\$ 25,638 245	\$ 3,371	\$ 29,009 245
Total Assets	\$ 25,883	\$ 3,371	\$ 29,254
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities:			
Total Liabilities	\$	\$	\$ -
Fund Balances: Unrestricted	25,883	2 271	
Total Fund Balances	25,883	<u>3,371</u> <u>3,371</u>	<u>29,254</u> 29,254
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 25,883	\$ 3,371	27,234
Amounts reported for governmental activities are different because:	on the statement o	f net assets	
Capital assets used in governmental activitie therefore are not reported in the funds.	s are not financial	resources and	
Long-term liabilities do not use current finan not reported in the funds.	cial resources and	therefore are	598,461
in the funds.			(6,843)
Net Assets of Governmental Activities			\$_620,872

# Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority

# Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

### Governmental Funds

# For the Year Ended September 30, 2004

Revenues	General	Grant Fund	Total
Training Class Fees	\$ 26,793	\$ -	0 • • • • • • • •
State Reimbursements	5,554	Ф -	\$ 26,793
Membership Fees	7,500	-	5,554
Interest		-	7,500
Rents	45	-	45
Reimbursements	3,225	-	3,225
Other	10,797	-	10,797
	1,004		1,004
Total	54,918		54,918
Expenditures			
Personnel			
Commodities	11,696	-	11,696
	9,325	1,100	10,425
Contractual Services	16,832	-	16,832
Other Charges	21,827	-	21,827
Capital Outlay	7,145	850	7,995
Debt Service	1,500	-	
Takal			1,500
Total	68,325	1,950	70,275
Excess Revenues (Expenditures) and			
net Change in Fund Balances	(12.407)		
Samuel Samuel	(13,407)	(1,950)	(15,357)
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	39,290	5,321	
Fund Balance – End of Year	\$ 25,883	\$ 3.371	
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as ex statement of activities the cost of those assets are reported as depreciation expense. This is the exceeded capital outlays in the current year.	arrandle - '		
			(13,430)
Repayment of note principal is an expenditure in the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in is the amount of repayment during the period.	n the government the statement of i	al funds, but net assets. This	1 500
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activitie	S		1,500 \$(27,287)
The Notes to the Financial Statements are an inte		statement.	<u>\$(27,287)</u>

# Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority

### Notes to Financial Statements

<u>September 30, 2004</u>

# NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### A. Reporting Entity

The Training Center's basic financial statements include the accounts of all Training Center operations. The criteria for including organizations within the Training Center's reporting entity, as set forth in GASB No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity" includes oversight responsibility, fiscal dependency and whether the financial statements would be misleading if data were not included.

Based on the above criteria, there are no other organizations included in these financial statements.

### B. Basis of Presentation

The government-wide financial statements (the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the activities of the Training Center. Governmental activities are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues and are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely, to a significant extent, on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given program are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific program. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given program and 2) operating or capital grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

The financial activities of the Training Center are also reported in separate self-balancing funds described as follows:

General Fund – This Fund is used to account for all financial transactions not accounted for in another fund, including the general operating expenditures of the Training Center. Revenues are derived primarily from intergovernmental revenues from the other entities served by the Training Center.

#### Special Revenue Grant Fund

This Fund is used to account for donations and grants from various entities to build and equip new facilities.

### Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority

### Notes to Financial Statements

#### September 30, 2004

# NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus refers to what is being measured; basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The economic resources measurement focus means all assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current) are included on the statement of net assets and the operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total assets. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned. Expenses are recognized at the time the liability is incurred.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual; i.e. when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. A one-year availability period is used for recognition of all Training Center Governmental Fund revenues. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

The revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes, franchise fees, licenses, charges for service, interest income and intergovernmental revenues. All other governmental fund revenues are recognized when received.

#### D. <u>Budgets</u>

The General Fund and Special Revenue Fund are under formal budgetary control. Budgets shown in the required supplementary schedules for these funds were prepared on a basis not significantly different from the modified accrual basis used to reflect actual results and consist only of those amounts contained in the formal budget approved and amended by the Training Center.

For budgetary purposes appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

# Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority

### Notes to Financial Statements

#### September 30, 2004

# NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### E. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which includes property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental column in the government-wide financial statements. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical is not available. Donated assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses. Renewals and betterments are capitalized. Interest is capitalized during the construction period on property, plant and equipment.

Assets capitalized have an original cost of \$5,000 or more and over one year of useful life. Depreciation has been calculated on each class of depreciable property using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives of each asset are determined by management.

#### F. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- A. We noted no violations of legal provisions and/or contractual provisions of various agreements related to financial matters.
- B. All funds had positive fund balances at September 30, 2004.
- C. Public Act 621 of 1978, Section 18, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated. During the year ended September 30, 2004, the Other Changes cost center of the General Fund and the Grant Fund, for which no budget was prepared, exceeded its budget without formal amendment by the Board.

### Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority

#### Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2004

### NOTE 3 - DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

### A. Legal Provisions for Deposits and Investments

Act 20, Public Acts of 1943, as amended by Act 217, Public Acts of 1982, and Act 196, Public Acts of 1998, states that the Board, by resolution, may authorize the Treasurer to invest surplus funds as follows:

- 1. In bonds, securities, and other direct obligations of the United States or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.
- 2. In certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a financial institution but only if the financial institution complies with subsection (2).
- 3. In commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the 2 highest classifications established by not less than 2 standard rating services and which matures not more than 270 days after date of purchase.
- 4. In repurchase agreements consisting of instruments defined in (1) above.
- 5. In bankers' acceptances of United States Banks.
- 6. In obligations of this state or any of its political subdivisions that at the time of purchase are rated as investment grade by not less than 1 standard rating service.
- 7. In mutual funds registered under the investment company act of 1940 with the authority to purchase only investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

### B. Types of Deposits and Investments

The Training Center had \$29,945 deposited with local banks at September 30, 2004 with a carrying value of \$29,009. Interpreting the FDIC insurance coverage, \$100,000 per demand deposit account and \$100,000 per time deposit account in each depository, the Training Center had no uninsured deposits at September 30, 2004.

### Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### September 30, 2004

### NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets of governmental activities consisted of the following:

	09/30/03	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	09/30/04
Buildings & Improvements Equipment Total	\$ 845,100 	\$ - 5,943 5,943	\$ - -	\$ 845,100 <u>5,943</u> 851,043
Accumulated Depreciation	(231,157)	(21,425)		(252,582)
Total	<u>\$ 613,943</u>	<u>\$ (15,482)</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 598,461</u>

### NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt at September 30, 2004 consisted of a non-interest bearing installment note payable to another local unit of government.

Maturities of long-term debt to completion are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	
2005	\$ 1,500
2006	1,500
2007	1,500
2008	1,500
2009	
	843
	<u>\$_6,843</u>

### NOTE 6 - INVENTORIES

The Training Center does not maintain a substantial inventory of supplies or materials. Purchases are normally made as needed, and the items are recorded as expenses at time of purchase.

#### Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority

#### Notes to Financial Statements

#### <u>September 30, 2004</u>

#### NOTE 7 - LEASED EMPLOYEE

The Training Center's Coordinator is currently leased from the Grand Traverse Fire Department – Metro Division, reimbursing that Division on a monthly basis for salary and all related employment taxes and benefits.

#### NOTE 8 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Training Center is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and firefighters; and natural disasters. During the audit year the Department addressed these risks through the purchase of commercial insurance. There was no significant reduction of insurance coverage from prior years nor have the amounts of any settlements exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

#### NOTE 9 - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Full-time Training Center leased employees earn vacation leave, which may either be taken or accumulated, with a maximum carryover to a succeeding year of 5 days until paid upon termination or retirement. Training Center employees earn personal leave which may either be taken or accumulated and carried over to a maximum of 24 days. Unused accumulated sick leave shall be paid to the employee upon termination or retirement.

#### NOTE 10-CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Training Center officials are not aware of any contingent liabilities.

**SUPPLEMENTAL DATA SECTION** 

### Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority

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### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

#### General Fund

### For the Year Ended September 30, 2004

<u>Revenues</u>	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable ( <u>Unfavorable</u> )
Training Class Fees State Reimbursements Membership Fees Interest Rents Reimbursements Other	\$ 40,100 7,626 9,250 200 1,200 2,250 1,500	\$ 40,100 7,626 9,250 200 5,225 7,966 1,500	\$ 26,793 5,554 7,500 45 3,225 10,797 1,004	\$ (13,307) (2,072) (1,750) (155) (2,000) 2,831 (496)
Total Revenues	62,126	71,867	54,918	(16,949)
Expenditures				
Personnel: Leased Employees			11,696	
Total	11,676	11,677	11,696	(19)
Commodities: Office Supplies Training Materials Postage Other Supplies Computer Support	- - - -	- - - -	405 6,664 144 1,107 	- - - -
Total	10,000	11,250	9,325	1,925
Contractual Services: Instructors Accounting and Audit Class Help Telephone	- - -	- - -	10,725 3,165 2,245 697	- - -
Total	20,400	22,400	16,832	5,568

### Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority

Schedule 1 Page 2

### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

#### General Fund

### For the Year Ended September 30, 2004

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable ( <u>Unfavorable</u> )
Expenditures (Continued)				
Other Charges:				
Advertising	•	-	40	-
Insurance	-	-	6,457	-
Public Utilities	-	-	4,055	=
Building Repair & Maint.	-	-	7,158	-
Equipment Repair & Maint.	-	-	399	-
Vehicle Repair & Maint.	-		1,337	-
Grounds Repair & Maint.			2,381	
Total	20,000	21,000	21,827	(827)
Capital Outlay:				
Equipment	1,800	9,243	7,145	2,098
Total	1,800	9,243	7,145	2,098
Debt Service:				
Loan Repayment	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Total	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Contingency	1,000	4,990		4,990
Total	1,000	4,990		4,990
Total Expenditures	66,376	82,060	68,325	13,735
Excess Revenues (Expenditures)	\$ <u>(4,250)</u>	\$ (10,193)	(13,407)	<u>\$ (3,214)</u>
Fund Balance – Beginning of Y	'ear		39,290	
Fund Balance – End of Year			\$ 25,883	

#### Northwest Regional Fire Training Center Authority

Schedule 2

### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

#### **Grant Fund**

### For the Year Ended September 30, 2004

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable
Revenues	Duuget	Actual	( <u>Unfavorable</u> )
Total Revenues	\$	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditures			
Commodities – Other Supplies Capital Outlay – Building Improvements	-	1,100 850	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures		1,950	
Excess Revenues (Expenditures)	\$	(1,950)	<u>\$</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year		5,321	
Fund Balance – End of Year		\$ 3,371	